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THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Ninth Infantry Division 49th Memorial Mass and Service

In May, 1945 World War II in Europe ended. In November, 1945 we celebrated our first memorial service to honor the 4,581 who died in combat. It has been 49 years since VE day was declared, and this year will mark the 49th memorial service by the men of Ninth Infantry Division.

No matter how our lives have changed since our first memorial service, we have never allowed the sacrifice made by those who have gone before us to be forgotten. This year, let us again come together to pay tribute to the 4,581 men who died in combat in World War II and to those who have since followed. We will pray, too, for the men of the Ninth Division who gave their lives in Vietnam.

Let's keep alive this annual memorial service, for it serves a twofold purpose. It is a forceful reminder to pray for our dead and a happy opportunity to strengthen those sacred ties formed in the dark times of war.

On Sunday, October 17, 1993 at the 11:00 am Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Mass. we will continue the honorable tradition of gathering to remember our dead and to pray for a just and lasting peace for all mankind.

"Lord, God of Hosts, be with us yet'
Lest we forget, Lest we forget."

Sincerely,
Ron Murphy
Secretary, N.E. Chapter

Schedule for Weekend

Saturday, October 16, 1993: 2:00pm - C.P. Room open
Sunday, October 17, 1993: 11:00am - Mass and
Memorial service
1:00pm - Dinner at Ramada Inn

Room Reservations

You must make your own room reservations. The cut-off date is October 7, 1993. The price is \$66.90 plus tax. Mention the Ninth Division when calling or writing.

RAMADA INN
624 Southbridge Street
Auburn, MA 01501
1-508-832-3221

No matter where we are billeted, the Ramada Inn is our headquarters, and, of course, The C.P. room will be well stocked. Because our mailing list is incomplete, please let others know about the Memorial Service.

Please remember that Mass begins at 11:00am

Directions to Ramada Inn

The Ramada Inn is located on Route 12, Auburn, Mass. Take the Mass. Turnpike (Route 90). Whether you are heading East or West on the Mass. Pike, get off at Exit 10, marked Auburn, Mass. Leaving the toll booth, take the second right (Go slow - it's easy to miss!), which is Route 12. The Ramada Inn Will be on your left.

Dinner Reservations

Reservations for Sunday's dinner must be paid for in advance. Deadline for reservations is October 7, 1993. Deadline for refund of cancelled reservations is October 7, 1993.

Dinner Sunday, October 17, 1993
\$15.00 per person

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:\$ _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: New England Chapter 9th
Division Assoc.

MAIL TO: Thomas Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, MA 02144



Ron Murphy sends this photo of the restored Memorial Monument on the Church Grounds of Father Connors former Parish-Immaculate Conception in Worcester.

Mission Accomplished

The repair work on the Worcester Memorial honoring the 4581 who died in combat in World War II has been completed.

The broken flagstones and mortar that formed the floor of the memorial have been removed and replaced with a golden colored Connecticut stone, and placed in a more durable cement. The short walk leading to the memorial has also been replaced with Connecticut stone.

The bricks forming the wall of the memorial have been cleaned and though worn look fresh. A new cement cap is in place along the top of the wall.

The difficult part was the small mural depicting soldiers standing at attention beside the casket of a fallen comrade. The mural was too worn by weathering to be repaired. Because it is precious to us and we wished to preserve the remains, it has been covered with an unbreakable Lexton glass and waterproofed.

The Ninth Division Octofoil covering the capsule containing the names of the 4581 who died in combat has been polished and waterproofed.

Last of all the base of the flagpole has been painted.

We wish to thank the Greater New York and Florida Chapters for their generous donations.

A special thanks to Father Connors' dear friend Colonel George I. Connolly. We call him Generous Indeed Connolly.

We also wish to thank all the individual members of the association who contributed to the repair work. Many gave because of their friendship and love for Father Connors, many in remembrance of a loved one, many because at one time they made the annual pilgrimage to Worcester. Whatever the individual reasons, all the contributions honor the memory of the Men of the Ninth.

Sincerely,
Ron Murphy
Secretary, N.E. Chapter

AIRPORT — HOTEL SHUTTLE IN SAN ANTONIO

STAR SHUTTLE will be your transportation from San Antonio's Airport to your Hotel, and return. Their large white booths outside of each terminal's Baggage area are easily identifiable.

Identify yourselves as members of the 9th Infantry Association or give the Star Shuttle operators the code word RELY. A special rate of \$10.00 per person for the round trip has been provided for.

Be sure to give the shuttle operators the name of your Hotel remember your AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION is STAR SHUTTLE.



PROGRAM

SAN ANTONIO REUNION
October 7, 8, 9, 1993

THURSDAY OCTOBER 7

9:30AM- 5:00PM
9:00AM

1:00PM- 4:00PM
4:00PM- 5:30PM
8:00PM-11:00PM

Registration - Brazos Room A&B
Golf Tournament - Met in Rapids Terr.

Free time
Bd. of Governors Meeting - Taos A
Welcome Party — Coronado Room

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8

8:30AM- 9:30 AM

9:30AM- 5:00PM
9:30AM-12:30PM

9:30AM-10:00AM

10:00AM-11:00AM

11:00AM-12:30PM

12:00PM- 2:00PM

2:00PM- 5:00PM

4:30PM -5:30PM
8:00PM-Midnight

San Antonio Briefing — Pecos Room

Registration — Brazos Room
Womens Auxiliary Brunch — Santa Fe Room

General Business Meeting — Coronado Room
Committee Meeting — Coronado Room

General Business Meeting — Coronado Room

Banquet Table Reservations — Guadalupe Room .

Tours Taos B (Games, Video, Message Center)

Board Meeting — Taos A
Dancing — Coronado Room, Western Attire

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9

10:00-11:00AM

12:00PM- 2:00PM

4:00PM- 5:00PM

6:00PM- 7:00PM

6:00PM- 7:00PM

7:00PM-11:00PM

Memorial Service — Coronado Room

Banquet Table Reservations — Guadalupe Room

Catholic Mass — Santa Fe Room
Fr. Rowan

Cocktails — Cash Bar — Santa Fe Room

Reception Bd. of Governors — Pecos Room

Banquet — Coronado Room

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

Safe Trip Home — ADIOS!

HELPFUL HINTS TO MAKE HAPPY TRAVELERS 1993 SAN ANTONIO

DRESS:

October 7 — Welcome Party "Down Mexico Way"
(Mexican Attire Optional)

October 8 — Dance - (Western Attire Optional)

October 9 — Banquet - Men (Coat & Tie) - Ladies (Dressy)
San Antonio Tours (Casual with good walking shoes)
Memorial Service (Casual)

MEDICAL

Suggest you bring an extra pair of glasses and any medical prescriptions.

There is a medical facility near the Holiday Inn - Riverwalk North.

For emergency service call phone number 9 1 1

GOLFERS:

The Breckenridge Course is two miles from the Holiday Inn. Dick Granbery is arranging transportation from the Holiday Inn at 9:00 a.m. October 7, 1993.

REGISTRATION:

On October 6, 1993 registration will commence at 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. On October 7 and 8 it will run from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

TEMPERATURE:

Normal temperature the first week in October is 69 degrees to 72 degrees fahrenheit.

SAN ANTONIO BRIEFING:

For the first time at one of our reunions, we will have an 8:30 a.m. briefing October 7 and 8 on the tours and places of interest to see in this historic city. These helpful briefings at the Holiday Inn will be in the Taos A Room on October 7 and will be repeated for new arrivals on October 8 in the Pecos Room. Free Coffee and Doughnuts.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

While the Holiday Inn - Riverwalk North is sold out, we were fortunate in obtaining the new Radisson Hotel at the Downtown Market Square, 502 West Durango, San Antonio, Texas 78207, phone (210) 224-7155. This hotel of Spanish design was opened last Fall and is a full service facility. Shuttle service will be available between the Radisson and the Holiday Inn. In addition, the ten center (\$.10) Trolley stops at both hotels and runs on a frequent schedule during the day and early evening hours.

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Divi-
sion Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and
men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn. 412
Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey 07087

Enclosed please find dues for:

Name..... Serial No.....

Street Address.....

City..... Zone..... State.....

I was a member of:

Battery..... Company..... Regiment..... 9th Div.....

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member per year..... \$10.00

Sustaining Member.....

Donation Memorial Scholarship Fund.....
THREE-YEAR MEMBER..... \$25.00
Life Membership..... \$75.00
Ladies Auxiliary Member..... \$ 2.00
Decals..... 50- each
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Please credit the following chapter:

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Banquet Table Reservations

Banquet table reservations may be made on Friday, October 8th from noon to 2 PM and on Saturday, October 9th from noon to 2 PM in the Taos Room. A. Gordon Schneider and Clyde Wilfong are the responsible gentlemen in charge of the reservations. Each table will seat ten (10) people. Reservations for groups of ten should be made by one person. The person making the reservation should have a banquet ticket for each person in their group. Individuals or couples not part of a group will be assigned a table by the persons in charge from 1:30 to 2 PM on each of the two reservation days. Assignment of tables to be "blind," the hotel will not number tables until immediately prior to the banquet. No table reservations will be made by telephone. Banquet tickets will be collected by the table servers before serving. Banquet tickets will not be sold at the time of the banquet. Only those with tickets will be served. The banquet hall will seat approximately 900, be sure to get your Strip Tickets early to be assured a seat.

Remember the Reunion Dates Oct. 7-10, 1993

Ladies Corner

Aha — a break in the hot, steamy weather we have had here in the East and South — **now** I feel like writing to you! And write I must since this is the **very last** you will hear from me until October in Texas! I must write to tell you the following:

1) 63 women have sent in their \$12.00 checks for our Brunch/Meeting on October 8th. How about the rest of you? I leave for Texas on October 5th, and I **must** have all the money before that. Won't you please make out your checks to the Ladies Auxiliary 9th Division Association, and mail them to me at the address listed below? Make sure that I have your first name on your application, not your husband's. OK? If an emergency arrives and you cannot attend, I will refund your money at once. Meanwhile, help me to win a small bet with my husband regarding the number of ladies who will eventually attend our meeting. He thinks we will end up with 75, while I feel sure that at least 100 ladies will attend! I only need 37 more to make my number, so do it now!! Especially my "B" Company wives are among the missing i.e.. Joyce Munger, Moira Moore and Etsie Shockley. C'mon girls! Phyllis Perna and some of our regulars are still unaccounted for also.

2) Some sad news — Miriam Auerbach of North Miami, Florida (whose husband died last Spring in an auto accident) succumbed to cancer on April 27th. Sent her son, Mark Auerbach a sympathy card on behalf of all of us. Then, on June 26th, I received a note from R.J. Lynch of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, that his wife, Henrietta had passed away. Besides a sympathy card sent to him, I refunded the \$12. she had sent to me for our Meeting on April 27th. We shall miss both of these ladies.

3) Received a Charity suggestion from Billie McKinney of Martinsburg, West Virginia for our Veteran's gift this year. Remember, if you have a Veterans hospital, etc which you would like to have us consider for a gift in October, please send the name and address to me, or to any of the officers **before** the Reunion. The Officers will meet before our Meeting to decide on which ones for you to vote on.

4) Don't forget 'bout bringing a Pollyanna gift to the meeting — something small, cute, inexpensive, necessary or unnecessary, hand-made or store-bought, and wrapped.

5) Received a lovely note from President Mary Brasington, with her check. Her husband Herb has been medicating more than usual, and we fervently hope that he will be stable for our Reunion. I'm thinking positively Mary!!! She told me of some activities the Texas Chapter is planning for us. Sounds like lots of fun, and it might be a good idea for us to bring along any Texan or Mexican clothes with us for the festivities.

6) Our trip to Las Vegas was wonderful and like a fantasy. We flew over the Grand Canyon and made friends with 2 young Japanese travelers on the plane, when I offered them my paper bag and some Life Savers, after they threw up. It was a **bit** bumpy in our 9-seater plane. Now I have a new Pen Pal since one of them sent me a post card from Japan after their trip.

Radisson Hotel Downtown Market Square is pleased to host:
TEXAS & GREATER SOUTHWEST CHAPTER
9TH INFANTRY DIVISION, ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 7-10, 1993
ROOM RESERVATIONS

Please reserve accommodations for: (Please Print)

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____State_____Zip_____

Bus. Phone:_____Home:_____

Names of Additional Occupants:_____

Arrival Date:_____Time:_____

Departure Date:_____Time:_____

Check in time is 3:00 PM. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. Reservations must be received by 9/7/93 or rooms become subject to availability.

Card:_____Exp. Date:_____

Number:_____

	#	#
Rates: (Circle rate desired)	rooms	people
Single Occupancy: \$79	Triple	
Double Occupancy: \$79	Quad	
() Non-smoking preferred		

Mail completed application to:
Radisson Hotel
Downtown Market Square
502 West Durango
San Antonio, Tx. 78207

Specific Details

The hotel will extend the same daily rate to guests for three days before and the three days after the reunion dates.

A limited number of Non-smoking rooms are available on a first come-first served basis. Indicate need on the registration card.

The hotel will issue confirmations.

Cancellations with full refund will be granted up to 6 PM on day of arrival. Must have a confirmation number.

If making 1st nights deposit by check make check payable to Radisson Hotel for \$89.27. (\$79.00 rate plus 13% tax. Sales tax exemption is pending, any excess tax will be credited to final bill.)

Suites and Hospitality Rooms (CP's) are handled by hotel on an individual basis. Contact Mr. Jim Malone at 512-737-1955 for availability and rates.

Pre-Registration Procedure
Forty-eighth Annual Reunion
October 7, 8, 9, 1993

Pre-Registration for all the events, Strip Tickets, will be used again this year at the Forty-eighth Annual Reunion.

- Fill out the Pre-registration Form provided below.
- Write a check or money order to the Ninth Infantry Reunion Committee for the full amount of the tickets.
- Mail the Pre-registration Form and the check or money order to Willard Norris, 504 East Kerr, Burnett, Texas 78611.
- You will receive a confirmation Card Receipt.
- This Card Receipt must be presented at the Reunion Pre-registration Desk to receive the tickets, program and registration packet.
- Cancellation of Pre-registrations will be honored for a full refund if received before September 25th. Cancellations received after September 25th will receive a partial refund.
- To cancel a Pre-registration, contact Willard Norris 504 East Kerr, Burnett, Texas 78611 or telephone 512-756-4132 prior to September 25th, 1993. After September 25th call the Holiday Inn, Riverwalk North, San Antonio, Texas, 210-223-9267 and leave a message for Willard Norris or Richard Granberry.
- Pre-register now and be assured of having tickets for the Welcoming Party on Thursday night, the Friday Dance and the Saturday Banquet.

Pre-Registration Form
Forty-eighth Annual Reunion
October 7, 8, 9, 1993
San Antonio, Texas

Name_____

Address _____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Full name of
wife or guest_____

Telephone_____Unit in the 9th_____

All Event Strip Tickets: Quantity_____at \$60.00 each

Total Enclosed:_____

() Please check if you are a Gold Star Wife or Member's Widow or family.

Texas and Greater Southwest Chapter Members: Please send separate checks for dues and Reunion Strip Tickets.

Mail the Pre-registration Form and the check or money order to Willard Norris, 504 East Kerr, Burnett, Texas, 78611.



Rev. Gerald F. Rowan will be speaker at the Memorial Services being held in San Antonio at our reunion.

Father Gerald (Jerry) F. Rowan was born on the 17th day of February 1924 in Chicago, Illinois. As a youth he attended Catholic grade and high school.

He was inducted into the army in June of 1943 and shipped out for overseas duty in December of 1943. He arrived at the 9th Infantry Division Headquarters in Winchester and subsequently was assigned to the Division Military Police Unit with which he served until the end of the war.

After the war was over he returned home and began theological training to become a priest in the Catholic Church. He was ordained a priest on the 6th of April 1957. He served as a priest in Hospitals in the Wichita, Kansas area.

A "stroke" in 1991 forced him into semi-retirement of continued service to the church but he is happily situated in a 'little country church' in Castleton, Kansas.

Father "Jerry" has attended many of our past reunions and is a Life Member of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

Continued from previous page LADIES CORNER

Toured Hoover Dam, cruised on Lake Mead, rode through Red Rock Canyon, visited at least 7 Casinos and ended up winning about \$22.00! Loved playing the Draw Poker 25¢ machines, but only for about an hour or two at a time. They were all so beautiful. Food was delicious and so cheap. Once was really enough to visit, and if I didn't have a very old and dear friend to visit there, I wouldn't have enjoyed it so much.

7) Bit of family news - Comes Christmas Day, Joe and I will have another Grandchild (#9) courtesy of son Bruce and his lovely wife Denise. We are all so very happy for them, especially since they are married 11 years and this is their first! They live only about 1/2 mile from us so this one Grandchild I can walk to see!

Finally, a note to Marline Sanchez, who lives in Davenport, Iowa, and anyone else in our group who lives in the path of that Mighty Mississippi, we are thinking of you, praying for you, and hopeful that you and yours are alright. Marline, remember when you wrote to me in April about our March storm - that was small potatoes in comparison. Well, I plumb ran out of words so I shall say so-long, take care, keep in touch, and see you in Texas! Oops - I misspelled a word - it's Mississippi! Sorry about that.

Ellie Taubner
85 Smith Avenue
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

N.E. Man Honored

Francis K. Maher, a World War II veteran long active in Worcester, MA area veteran's affairs, received the annual Award of Merit of the Armed Forces Committee of Worcester County at the Armed Forces dinner dance held on May 14 at the Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston, MA.

Since 1958 the Committee has presented the prestigious Award of Merit to an individual who has made significant contributions to the military, the veterans and the community. This year Francis Maher was so honored.

At the May 14 ceremony, Fran was presented with the key to the City of Worcester, a portrait of himself and a plaque honoring him as the recipient of the Award of Merit.

Congratulations Franny.
Ron Murphy
Secretary, N.E. Chapter

SPECIAL HILL COUNTRY DAY TOUR

For early arrivals or for those staying after the reunion HOSPITALITY TOURS OF SAN ANTONIO has prepared a special "TEXAS HILL COUNTRY AND ADMIRAL MUSEUM TOUR" for early reunion arrivals, and for those of you who stay thru October 10, 1993.

THE TOUR DATES ARE: October 6, 1993 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., October 10, 1993, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

COST: \$30.00 per person.

TOUR ITINERARY: Air-conditioned motor coaches will pick you up at your hotel, and take you thru the famous Texas Hill Country to the town of Fredericksburg. Fredericksburg has many historic shops, and fine restaurants with traditional German food, and bakeries. The high point of the Tour is THE ADMIRAL NIMITZ STATE HISTORIC PARK - THE NIMITZ STEAMBOAT HOTEL AND MUSEUM, THE JAPANESE PEACE GARDEN, AND THE HISTORY WALK OF THE PACIFIC WAR. On the return trip a visit to the HILL COUNTRY TOWN of COMFORT is planned. Here are turn of the century stores, hotels and limestone buildings.

EARLY REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - to insure the minimum number of people sign up. - Mail your check or money order before September 30, 1993 to: MAJOR CHARLES MEADE, HOSPITALITY TOURS, 17204 LAUREL CROSSING, HELOTES, TEXAS, 78023 Phone # 210-695-2702. - be sure to show name of hotel where you will be staying, and identify yourself as a member of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

In the event that not enough people will register for the HILL COUNTRY TOUR, HOSPITALITY TOURS will promptly refund your ticket money at your hotel.

HOSPITALITY TOURS is owned and operated by retired military personnel specializing in military reunions, and tours - not specifically sponsored, underwritten or endorsed by the 9th Infantry Division Association, the Texas Chapter or the reunion committee.

GOLF TOURNAMENT" At beautiful Breckenridge Park. (See Mar. -April Issue of THE OCTOFOIL) The club is located one block West of Broadway. The Holiday Inn River Walk North is four blocks West of Broadway. From the hotel turn left(east) to Broadway. North on Broadway to Avenue "A" to Clubhouse. (See map "X" marks the spot to teeoff! If you are driving, please let Dick Granbery know if you can take some players with you.

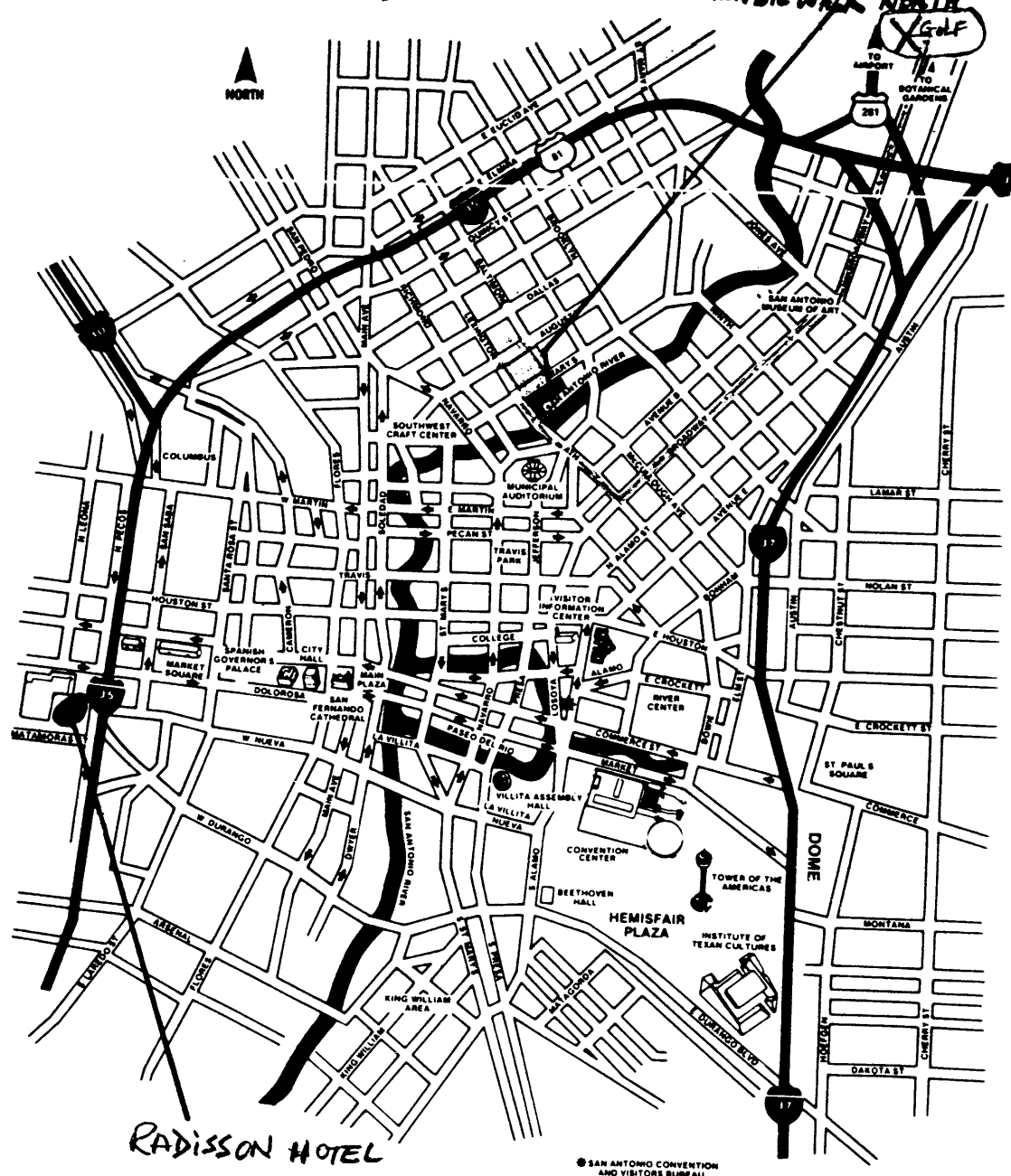
Send check for \$2.00 (non-refundable) like NOW but by September 1st to reserve tee time. R.G. Granbery: 11206 Cold Spring Drive; Houston, Texas 77043-4601.

CONFIRMATIONS:

To preclude any questions about your hotel reservations or Strip Ticket reservations, you should bring with you your reservation confirmations from the Hotel and the 9th Infantry Division Association. Also any cancelled checks.

Questions about your room reservations should be addressed to Holiday Inn Riverwalk North, 110 Lexington Ave., San Antonio, Texas 78205 or via telephone 210-737-1955. Ask for Jim Malone or reservations, Andre Doherty at the same number.

Downtown Map San Antonio



SIGHT SEEING BUS TOURS THRU HISTORIC SAN ANTONIO

Your reunion committee has provided for two (2) outstanding sight-seeing tours in air-conditioned buses.....

DATES: October 7, and October 8 (if you miss it..Oct. 9)

TIME: 2PM to 5PM

BUSSES WILL PICK UP AT: Holiday Inn River Walk North, and at Radisson Hotel

COST: \$14.00 Per Person

HOW TO SIGN UP: Bus tour operators will sign up participants between 8:30 - 9:30 AM at our morning briefing..... coffee and donuts will be served.....October 7th in Taos Room A, October 8th in Pecos Room both are at Holiday Inn River Walk North.....The bus operators will take cash or check - No credit cards.....Be sure to give your name, hotel room, and hotel when signing up for the tours. Only one admission is included in the tour cost - Lone Star Brewery and Museum. Bus sight-seeing tours are provided for Saturday October 9th for those who have not had an opportunity to get on the Oct 7, and or Oct. 8 tours. There will be a sign up facility in the lobby of the Holiday Inn River Walk North for a Saturday Oct 9th tour.

HERE ARE SOME SAMPLES OF TOUR HIGH LITES.....

FORT SAM HOUSTON: Headquarters for the 5th U.S. Army, including the Quadrangle built in 1876. The first successful military aviation flight took place here in 1910. Numerous famous U.S. military Commanders were stationed here. -Trace U.S. Army History in San Antonio area from 1845 to the present....

KING WILLIAM DISTRICT: Neighborhood of beautifully restored Victorian and early Texas Homes - settled mostly by German settlers in the 1870's.

EL MERCADO - MEXICAN MARKET: Largest Mexican Market outside of Mexico - historic buildings, restaurants, gift and fashion stores, and galleries.....

LONE STAR BREWERY: a visit to the colorful Buckhorn Hall of Horns, sample local refreshments, and Texas Hospitality - a great museum.....

SAN JOSE MISSION: The Queen of the Missions established in 1720 - noted for it's beautiful Rose Window - the large compound Indian quarters, and Granary have been reconstructed - all reveal the days when Friars and Indians worked together to bring European civilization, culture, and religion to Texas.

SPANISH GOVERNORS PALACE: The only remaining example in Texas of an early aristocratic Spanish home - labeled the most beautiful building in San Antonio by National Geographic.....

SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL: The earliest European settlement in San Antonio.....

THE ALAMO: established in 1716 as Mission San Antonio De Valero.... Famous Texas Landmark where Colonel Travis, Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett and 188 defenders fell on March 6, 1836 after repeated attacks by Mexican General Santa Anna's Army....

DON'T MISS THESE TOURS.OF ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL, AND HISTORIC CITIES.....

MESSAGE CENTER: Taos B. Open during free time if you do not wish to participate in tours. Games: Dominoes and cards. Lost and found. San Antonio favors; Just plain visitin'; "Rodeo" ... Ride the stools and shoot the Bull! Fun, fellowship and "A Taste of Texas."



Wisniewski sends this picture taken at the Memorial Services held at the Carthage Cemetery, Tunisia earlier this year. Left to right: Red Phillips, M Co. 47th, Jim Leopold, 47th. Bill Nelson 39th, Joe Kscenitis, Co. M 60th, Ed Wisniewski, Ser 47th,

Tunisian Tour

Have you heard all about the Tunisian Tour? I'm sure some of the others must have written but Marge and I extended our trip to include Paris and Normandy and are just now "back on track."

The tour itself was very special. Seven of us from the Ninth (list enclosed) joined about 50 from the First Armored Division and in nine days "Galaxy Tours" showed us Tunisia from top to bottom!

There were two major highlights for me. The first was the Return to Elguettar (by four wheel van) where we really got a chance to re-examine the battleground (with Rusty "C" Ration Cans included) without the Germans shooting at us. Ed Wisniewski (who was driving for the 47th Service Co.) and I climbed down into the wadi where the 2nd Bn. of the 47th spent the ten toughest days of my life in 1943.

The second major highlight was the Memorial Service held at the U.S. Military Cemetery in Cartuage. The present 1st Armored Division Band was flown down from Frankfurt, Germany and Bill Nelson (from the 39th) and I had the honor of accompanying a beautiful 9th Division wreath to the ceremony (see pictures).

Tunisian Tour

Now our trip to "Tunisia" fantastic to say the least there were four from the 47th, 2 from the 39th and one from the 19th, engineers that were attached to the 9th at Kassarine Pass, 2 names of the ones that attended the pilgrimage to Tunisia.

Red Phillips 47th M Co.
Joe Kscenitis M Co.
Jim Leopold Co. G and E 47th
Ed Wisniewski Ser 47th
Bill Nelson 39th
Ray Bragger 39th
Burleigh Brewer 19th
Engineer Regt. attached to 9th
Div. and about 70 members of

the First Armored Div. We on the tour received a royal treatment by the Tunisian Government Amer. Gov't and the tour company went all out to take us where we wanted to go and bent over backwards even so far as to hire a Toyota Land Cruiser to convey the four members of the 47th into the wadies and mts. of Elguettar at no additional cost. What an experience. Hope to be able to go to Normandy next year, health permitting.

Ser Co 47th Inf
ED WISNEWSKI
7576 Gratiot Rd.
Columbus, MI 48063



Shown on the Road outside of El Guettar (Tunisian) are left to right: Red Phillips, Com. M. 47th, Paul Flebotte, Retired Colonel and Military Attache to Tunisia, Ed Wisniewski 47th, Joe Kscenitis 60th and Jim Leopold, 47th Inf. The road marker speaks for itself.

M Co 47th Inf
JOSEPH KEARNS
2008 N Congress Lot 174
W Palm Beach, FL 33409

Quite warm here in Florida and I thought I would drop a line to the Octofoil.

We now have the Citizens Observer Patrol in our mobile park in West Palm Beach so I joined as we ride at night as many of our neighbors leave for the summer.

I went to a funeral today and only found out the neighbor John Schaum 60th Inf F. Company had passed away. Please see to it that his name is included in the Taps Sounded Column.

I had a great time at the Florida Chapter Reunion in Orlando.

I have made arrangements to go to the Reunion in San Antonio with my buddy Joe Kscenitis from M Co 60th Inf.

Enclosed find a check for the Memorial fund in memory of all the members of M Company 47th Inf who have passed away.

SEEKING INFORMATION

Ref: Pvf. William Max
33088558

Served from July 1941-April 4, 1943

U.S. Army 47INF. 9th Div.
Company B

I am a member of William Max's family, and also an author, I am attempting to gather information on William for a book I am working on. William served in the US Army from July 1941 'till April 4, 1943 when he was killed in action in North Africa.

I am trying to find out what William's function was while serving, and any other info concerning Pvt. William Max or his duty in the service. Any information you could give me would be greatly appreciated. I was given your phone number, (201) 866-8195 and have called several times but have been unsuccessful in reaching you. Please call me collect at (505) 869-3472, I can usually be reached early in the morning New Mexico time between seven and eight or in the evenings after six.

Kit Glass
PO Box 287
Peralta, NM 87042.



AIR TRAVELLERS

Your 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION suggests DELTA AIRLINES AND D & B TOURS INTERNATIONAL AS OFFICIAL AIR CARRIER AND TRAVEL AGENCY FOR OUR 1993 REUNION IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, OCTOBER 7 - 10, 1993.

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Ninth Infantry Division Association has selected Delta Air Lines and D & B Tours International as the official air carrier and travel agency for our reunion in San Antonio Texas, October 7 - 10, 1993.

Delta's nationwide toll free reservation number is staffed by fully trained meeting specialists to assist you in making your reservation for our reunion in San Antonio. To take advantage of this service and to ensure that the Ninth Infantry Division Association receives credit for the travel you must do the following:

1. Call Delta Air Lines at the following TOLL FREE number: 1-800-241-6760 (Mon - Fri 8 AM - 11 PM Eastern time).
2. Advise the meeting specialist that you are a member of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and your SPECIAL CODE NUMBER which is: H0648.
3. Inform the meeting specialist of the date you want to leave for San Antonio and the date you wish to return from San Antonio.

You may use your credit card and Delta Air Lines will mail your airline tickets to you at your request.

For those of you who would like to extend your stay in Texas or the surrounding area D & B Tours International has made special arrangements so that you can leave your city as early as Oct. 4th and return as late as Oct. 16th. Please take this into consideration when making your reservations. ALL TRAVEL MUST BE COMPLETED BY October 16, 1993.

15th Engineer Co. B.
TONY MADONNA
40 Orient St.
Worcester, MA 01604

I wish to report the death of Giocondo Arcangeli. He died June 26, after a brief illness. He was a member of B Co. 15th Engineer, and was wounded in Normandy. Enclosed is a check for the Memorial Fund in his honor.

In another news report concerning the 15th Engineers, I received a letter from Holt Rast. He mentions he intends to go to the reunion in San Antonio, TX and wishes to get together with his engineer buddies.

I have another death notice to report: Samuel Matejzel died June 25 at the Mercer County Nursing Home in Aledo, IL. He served with the 2nd Platoon Co. B 15th Engineers. He landed at Safi, North Africa Nov. 8, 1942. Enclosed is a check for the Memorial Fund in his honor.

47th Inf. F Co

LEE GRIMWOOD
P.O. Box 32
Sedgwick, Ks. 67135

You have probably heard the sad news from Hoppy, about the death of N. Curtis "Tex" Hoffler; Tex was my "fox-hole buddy" - we shared the same fox-hole for 3 weeks in the Hurtgen Forest, outside Schevenhutte, Germany. We were wounded the same day, Nov. 24, 1944; he was Z.Ied and I went to hospital in England.

A check to the 9th Division Memorial Fund is enclosed, and Tex was in the 2nd Platoon of F Co. - 47th Infantry Regiment.

Please include Tex's name in the Taps Sounded Column if you have not already been so advised.

Tex and I, and our wives, attended the reunion at Ft. Bragg last June; we enjoyed it very much and we have planned to go to San Antonio, in Oct. I doubt that my wife and I will attend, now that Tex and his wife will not be there!

Have a good one, without us.

VA starts toll-free number

The Department of Veterans Affairs now has a single, nationwide, toll-free number to make it easier for veterans and their dependents to inquire about and apply for VA benefits. The number 1-800-827-1000 can be dialed anywhere in the US, Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

Taps Sounded

Call out or names
as the years go by-
Remember us-
and we will never die

With deep remorse we announce the passing of these friends and comrades.
May they rest in peace.
To their loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy.

William F. Morkill
4th Inf. M Co.

Daniel Coffey

Camille Pelland
Hq. Co. 15th Engrs.

Lawrence Emmerich

Frederick Feil
47th & Hq. 9th

N. Curtis Hoffler
F Co. 47th Inf.

George DeGennaro

John Schaum
60th Inf. F Co.

Albert Heath

Joseph Norwood

John Mrugula
K Co. 47th Inf.

Lucien Saumier
3rd Bn. 39th Inf. I-R. Pln.

Giocondo Arcangeli
15th Engr. B Co.

Samuel Matejzel
15th Engrs. B Co.

Nicholas Asperger
Co. M 39th Int.

Fern McDonald
Wife of Wm. McDonald,
F Co. 48th Inf.

LUCIEN R. SAUMIER

APRIL 9, 1923 - JUNE 26, 1993
It is with great regret that I report the death of Lucien R. Saumier, a former member of the 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, I&R Platoon.

Lucien served during the battles of the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany. He suffered frost bite, pneumonia and shrapnel wounds while in combat. He was awarded the Purple Heart, 2 Bronze Stars, the Combat Infantry Badge, European Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars as well as seven other awards.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa, two sons and three daughters. His only brother, Wilford, was killed in action September, 1945 in Europe.

It is important that any member of the 3rd Battalion headquarters who knew Lucien personally and had knowledge of his physical problems, contact his widow at R.D. #2, Box 399, Norfolk, N.Y. 13667, or write to my address below, or contact me at the Convention in San Antonio to assist us in pursuing his claim for service connection that has been pending for many years.

Sincerely
William M. Doty
Seven Market Street
Baden, PA 15005
Co. K - 39th Inf.

1993 Reunion
San Antonio, Texas
October 7-10, 1993

Tip of the Hat

The Memorial Fund was enriched by the generosity of these members and friends who remembered. We salute you.

Hugh S. Slusher.

Eileen Tinberg - In memory of husband, Gilbert, 60th A.T.

Rose Richey - In memory of husband, Tom, 60th Inf. H. Co.

Louise Weber - In memory of husband, Leon, & Joseph Fenerty Hq. Co. 39th Inf.

Carroll DeVoid - In memory of Camille Pelland, 15th Engrs.

Les Grimwood - In memory of N. Curtis Hoffer.

Joe Kearns - In memory of All M. Co. 47th Inf.

Richard McGrath - In memory of the 4541 Men who died.

Pat Bzcker - In memory of husband, Alvin, 39th Inf. B. Co.

Tony Madonna - In memory of Giocondo Arcangeli, and Samuel Matejzel, B Co. 15th Engrs.

Henry Santos - In memory of his beloved son, Jerry and Camille Pelland, Hq. Co. 15th Engrs.

Eugene Terry.

Seeking Help

RE: P.F.C. Samuel F. Milazzo
A.S. #32066705 - Unit Co
M-47th ENF
Hammonton, NJ
Entered Service: January 1940
Trained At: Ft. Bragg, NC
Killed in Action: 4/4/43
Location Killed: El Guettar

Dear Dan:

I can't tell you how thrilled we are to have finally made contact with someone from the 47th Regiment of the 9th Division. Many phone calls and letters to various departments led me to your association.

I had hoped to meet you in person during your vacation on Long Beach Island, since Hammonton is only a 45 minute drive from there. But since this is not possible, perhaps we can meet another time.

Our purpose is threefold:

1. To get copies of any and all records pertaining to P.F.C. Samuel F. Milazzo for use in our family tree documentation.

2. Find out what specific Unit or Company of the 47th (Co M) Regiment that he was attached to on April 4, 1943.

3. Locate a Duty Roster or Unit Roster giving the names of men who served with him on April 4, 1943 in hopes of locating a specific soldier who was with Sam Milazzo at the moment he was killed.

This soldier we are hoping to find was probably from Lancaster, PA and took the time to find our family after the war in 1948 on the very day that Sam Milazzo's body was placed in its final resting place in Hammonton, NJ.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions on how we could go about digging up any such information, please let us know. We feel sure that somewhere, Sam Milazzo's name is recorded. Perhaps on the records kept at Ft. Bragg where he trained. The nickname "Raiders" and, of course, the Octofoil are a constant reminder of the men who became the 47th Infantry.

I hope you and your family enjoy your vacation time together

Sincerely,

Anthony Milazzo

801 Eighth Street

Hammonton, NJ 08037



39th Inf. B Co.
MRS. ALVIN BECKER
410 Berkshire Road
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Just wanted to let the Ninth Infantry Division Association know that I appreciate receiving THE OCTOFOIL which I read from cover to cover but especially enjoy Mail Call letters.

I'm sure that many friends of the 39th Regiment, Company 'B' had a wonderful mini-reunion in Greenburgh, PA recently and I send my love to all of them.

Recently, I came into possession of a book BATTLE OF THE BULGE - Hitler's Ardennes Offensive 1944-1945 written by Danny S. Parker. It is such a wonderful piece of history and I strongly recommend you 9th Division men go to your library for it. If your library doesn't have it, request that they get it for you. The Ridgewood library didn't have it but they got it from the Princeton University Library for me. I have since bought the book; it was so good and I want my great-grandchildren to read it.

It lists the U.S. Order of Battle in the Ardennes Campaign - 12/16/44. Also, it lists the Commitment of Reinforcements to the Ardennes and my AI would have been thrilled to see his 9th Division, 39th Regiment listed on December 19, 1944; the 47th Regiment is listed on December 17th and the 60th on December 23, 1944. This book tells the whole story of the Battle of the Bulge from the German side as well as the American and British.

Go look for the book. It mentions that the 277th Volksgrenadier Division launched a surprise night attack against the boundary of the 99th and 9th Infantry Division between Monschau and Elsenborn... The thrust almost reached Kalterherberg before it was halted by the recently arrived 39th Regiment of the 9th Infantry Division and a rain of artillery shells. The counterattack of the 9th Infantry Division the following day restored the American line and forced the German Infantry back to the east. I just love this history and think you were such brave men. This battle in World War II is equivalent to Gettysburg in the Civil War... I think.

Al Becker was not with you in Africa and Sicily, etc. He joined the 9th Infantry Division in Belgium and started out in the Hurtgen Forest. Many of you brave men had fierce battles under your belts before the Bulge.

Okey!!! Enough of that sentimentality. Regards to all and here's a donation to your Memorial Fund in memory of my brave husband, Al Becker, 39th Regiment, Company 'B'.

14TH ANNUAL REUNION 1993

Date: October 7th, 8th, 9th
1993

Place: San Antonio, Texas

To Make Your Reservation:

Call: LaQuinta Inns

210-922-2111

and refer to: Sam Burns

Group Fox

Reservation # 0510-15978

Room Rate is \$54.00 plus tax

7.02

total \$61.02 pr. day

(Request smoking or non-smoking)

Meeting Room For the three days is complimentary.

Deposit must be received by Sept. 23rd/also must be cancelled by Sept. 23.

For any further questions, call: Your host Sam Burns, Burleson, Tx. 76028 (817) 295-8997.

MINI REUNION M CO. 60th INF.

The 11th Mini Reunion of M Co. 60th Inf. was held June 24, 25 and 26th in South Bend, Indiana at the Jamieson Inn. Really a Bed and Breakfast but besides the Buffet Breakfast included in the room rate, there seemed to be food in the Lobby all the time, cookies at noon and wine and snacks over the Happy Hour. We had 34 Co Men and a total of 68. Our CoHosts for this reunion were Wilfred and Ruth Thornton who live in South Bend. They made all the hotel arrangements and arranged a couple of terrific evening meals. Twenty five or thirty came in on Wednesday the 23rd and Wednesday evening one of our men suffered a stroke and had to be hospitalized, Joe Gargie from Pennsylvania. Their Memorial Hospital did a terrific job. They had him stabilized and shipped home within a week, and he is doing real well at this time. Still in hospital. Jennifer Thornton instructed a basket class of 14 women on Thursday and on Friday we had a bus tour of South Bend and Notre Dame. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Our Hospitality Room was large and well stocked. We had 3rd Battalion guests, Charles and Marilyn Stephans from Valparaiso, Indiana. Evelyn Moore and her Mother and Aunt joined us and Marge Sharbaugh and her son Vern. We were so happy to see them. Vern joined the men in a round of golf on Saturday AM on the Notre Dame Course.

Plans already in progress for our 12th Mini Reunion to be held in June 94, probably in the Covington, Ky area. More on that later.

We missed some of our regulars this year like the Lipkas, the Chandlers, the Edmards, the Gronseths and the Zimmermans but were real happy to see some returnee's like the Buchanans and the Hornadays. Keep in touch and take care of each other.

Bob Bovanizer
M Co. 60th Inf.
14 Sabre Park
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-1705

NAMES OF WW II VETS SOUGHT

A foundation dedicated to preserving World War II history has begun gathering the names of millions of United States veterans of the European front to engrave them on a commemorative wall.

The Battle of Normandy Foundation's proposed Wall of Liberty in Caen, France, will be the first monument in the world to honor all American veterans of the European theater, living and dead.

Candidates for the memorial are American men and women who served in Europe from 1941 to 1945, in both military and civilian roles. Construction will begin on June 6, 1994, the 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion by Allied Forces on Normandy beaches. It will be built next to "Le Memorial", the world's largest World War II museum.

For further information call The Battle of Normandy Foundation at 202-728-0672 or 1-800-WW2-VETS or write us at 1730 Rhode Island Ave., N.W. Suite 612, Washington, D.C. 20036.

John W. Miller
Pres. 9th Div. Asso.
1511 Cochise Dr.
Arlington, TX 76012

9TH MEDICAL BATTALION REUNION

The 10th annual reunion was held in Pigeon Forge, TN at the Heartland Country Resorts (Quality Inn) the weekend of May 6-8. Pigeon Forge located near Gatlinburg are both resort towns with many attractions and are nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Traveling south from Rochester, NY we witnessed Spring unfolding its beauty, from bare trees and shrubs to green grass, blooming flowers and leafy green trees.

Some members arrived early and watched and waited anxiously for others to arrive, extending them a very warm and friendly greeting. 20 Battalion members, a total of 41 persons attended through the efforts and hard work of Louise and John Lewis. Some members and families were unable to attend this reunion and were sadly missed. We wish them to know they were in our thoughts, conversations and prayers. Hope all will be able to attend future reunions.

"C" Co. had 12 members attend: Alex Balough & Lucille from PA, Stanley & Helen Busta - NY, Chalmus & Greta Cochran - GA, Aldor & Vicky Cook - NY, Charles & Barbara Denton - TN, Fred & Phyllis Dick - FL, James & Marie Fite - NC, Dr. A.G. & Beulah Floyd - NC, Joe & Marion Kash - PA, John Klooz - OH, Andrew & Ann Kopach and sister Anna Kopach - PA, John & Louise Lewis - TN and Sue Johnstone - FL, widow of our beloved Bruce; From "A" Co. 4 members attended: Tandy & Lois Frazier - KY, Oliver & Ruth Karns - PA, Willie & Euna Fay Bobbitt - TX and Dexter & Jackie Hillman - MA; From "B" Co.: Donald & Cynthia Hyde - FL; From Headquarters 3 members attended: Sab & Virginia Agostinelli - NY; Bill & Bertha Carson - FL and Joseph & Marion Medea -

NJ. Congratulations to all the above for attending and making this a most happy and enjoyable reunion.

We all spent a wonderful time together renewing friendships, taking pictures, browsing through picture albums and recalling past experiences.

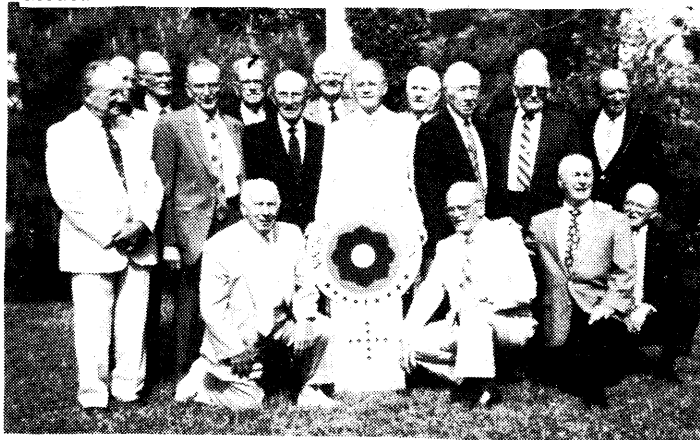
On Saturday morning all members, their wives, relatives and friends gathered together in the meeting room for our business agenda and memorial service. John Lewis called the meeting to order and after the "posting of the colors" we were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA. Joe Kash presented John with a GI Joe Alarm Clock that sounds reveille. After taking care of business, John announced that if plans worked out our next get-together will be in Chattanooga, TN.

Charles Denton very capably and eloquently conducted our memorial service calling for a silent prayer for the 4581 left behind in Africa and Europe and for those who have since gone to their eternal rest. For our recent deceased members we offer our belated sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of: "B" Co. Robert Bick and James Richardson; "C" Co. John Robinson; "Hqrs." Howard Goldstein.

Charles again presented his "silver dollar award" to the oldest, the youngest and the member traveling the greatest distance. The meeting was adjourned, followed by picture taking, sightseeing, shopping and a chit-chat session before bidding one another farewell and a safe trip home.

All former Battalion members who are not on John Lewis' mailing list are asked to send him their name, address and unit to 211 Midland Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Sab Agostinelli, Bn. Hqrs.



Members of the 9th Med Bn who were at their 10th annual reunion held in Pigeon Forge, Tn., on May 6-8th.



John O'Donnell of Pittsfield, Massachusetts send this drawing made while the Ninth was in England in 1944 at Barton Stacy. The artist was Anthony Loscalzo of Fairfield Co. all member of Division Artillery Hqs. Some of the names in the drawing are Bill Morgan, Snuffy ?, Berger, Dulong, Sargis, Wingate.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Our Annual Mini Reunion in Wisconsin was held on April 30-May 1. We had a nice turnout with two newcomers, The McGraths and the Apels. Again Mike Carpenter and his wife did a tremendous job of arranging the reunion at the Ramada Inn in Madison. Also attending were the Andersons, Baumans, Carpenters, Clarks, Henne-muths, Grays, Hellers, Prestons, Irma Koskie, Ted Curliss, Paulies and your truly. As usual there was ample food and liquid refreshments. On Saturday morning we held our meeting and discussed, among other topics, plans to hold memorial services in honor of Cas Pawelek this year. After the meeting, some of the ladies went shopping, while other just sat around or went swimming. We were all assembled for the running of the Kentucky Derby and cheered for our favorites. In the evening we went to dinner at the Restaurant adjacent to the hotel and feasted on the delicious buffet. We met at the American Legion Post for breakfast Sunday morning and then made our farewells.

REMEMBERING

Memorial services were held on Sunday, May 30th at the Resurrection Cemetery in honor of Cas Pawelek, 899 TD Bn. We had contacted his wife, Jean and she was there as well as her son and family and many of her friends. Unfortunately, it began to rain just as our services were about to begin. Needless to say we had to rush through the beautiful services that were planned by our President, Lew Gray and Chaplain, David Heller. I also had a part in the ceremony which was concluded by the playing of taps furnished by Bill Hennemuth. Jean was gracious enough to have us over after the services. The Pawelaks are on the South Side of Chicago and it was quite a trip for the Wisconsinites, The Prestons and The Grays, to come. Also the Clarks came in from Indiana. Jean was a most gracious host and we would like to thank her on behalf of the Illinois Chapter for her hospital-ity.

We have heard from the Clousers who are in the midst of having their Florida home repaired after the serious rain-fall which flooded their home. There is much work to be done and they are hopeful it will be completed by the Fall.

SICK CALL

Now a Health Report from the Andersons. It seems as if all the news is being handled through them. Fortunately they are both well and Gordon is presently on a fishing trip. It seems like the golden years are playing tricks on some of our members and families. First of all, Wanda Preston came home from Florida feeling under the weather but picked up shortly after she was home. Howard Gaertner ended up in the hospital with a cyst on his knee. We are happy to report he is home and improving after many treatments. Irma Koskie was hospitalized and had a pacemaker inserted. She is doing remarkably well and hopes to make the trip to San Antonio this fall. Peggy Hennemuth is having some leg and hip problems, extensive dental work and managed to stub her toe somehow and lost the nail. Lastly, yours truly had just had surgery for an enlarged prostate. Looks like I'll have to give up golfing and other activities for a month or so but the doctor claims all went well. A biopsy was performed before surgery showing negative for cancer cells so I consider myself lucky. My original visit to the doctor was diagnosed as Sciatic which is still with me. As Hoppie of the 47th wrote in the last issue, it is well for us to be examined regularly.

Now for the good news, we have all received confirmations from the hotel in San Antonio and are looking forward to a great Reunion. Take care!

Respectfully submitted
Mike Belmonte
1161 S. Lombard
Oak Park, Illinois 60304

**1993 Reunion
San Antonio, Texas
October 7-10, 1993**



Members of the New York Chapter are shown saluting the colors being carried to the Memorial Services held at Pinelawn National Cemetery on Long Island, NY. The ceremony was held in May, an annual service held each year by members of the Chapter.

TO "B" (47th)
OR NOT TO "B"

It's still quite hot here in Bergenfield, NJ with very little rain. Most of the lawns here, including our own, are brown because of 100' readings and no rain. Therefore, Ellie and I try to stay in our home as much as possible, with the air conditioner on, and try to stay cool. The last 4 or 5 days it has cooled off a bit, and I sure hope that when we get to San Antonio, the weather will be cool. So far, the only ones I believe are coming are the Shockleys, Cecchinis, Moores, Taubners, and Mun-gers. Hope I am wrong, and that more of you show up in Texas.

On July 13th I received a phone call from a Kitt Glass, writer from P.O. Box 287, Peralta, New Mexico, phone # is 505-869-3472. He had been referred to me by Dan Quinn, because he is looking for information about his Uncle, William Max, who was in Fort Bragg in 1941 in B Company, 47th Regiment, fought in El Guettar, Africa and was killed there on April 4, 1942. Kitt wants to write a story about his Uncle and needs to know more about him and how he was killed. Please call him COLLECT, if you remember him. I think he was a rifleman or in supply, because I can't remember him from the 4th platoon. Maybe some of you guys from the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd platoons remember him? He is also going to try coming to San Antonio, so if you can't get him on the phone, send me the information, and I'll pass it on to him there.

Now for Las Vegas — Ellie and I went there in April, and I was hoping to win enough to pay for our trip there and for Texas, but no such luck! After a week, we came out ahead by around twenty-two dollars. At least we didn't lose! We also got to fly over the Grand Canyon, visit Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, and Red Canyon Rock. Dropped in on the beautiful Casinos, with their Buffets and visited with Ellie's friend who now lives in Las Vegas. All in all, we had a great time. That's all for now, keep in touch, and see you in Texas!

Joe Taubner
85 Smith Avenue
Bergenfield, NJ 07621
(201) 385-5280

**39th Regt. L Company
FLORYAN B. OSZUSCIK
1813 Ridgemoor Drive, L.B.
Michigan City, IN 46360**

It must be time to pay dues, enclosed find three years. Sure do like the Octofoil, but not too many from L Company 39th write to you. The best of everything to all Ninth Men.

Serv. Co. 47th Inf.
EDWIN WISNIEWSKI
7576 Gratiot Rd.
Richmond, MI 48062

Just a short letter to say all is fine here looking forward to San Antonio and give a little report on happenings here.

First the bad news "Golden Clyde Meadows" a mechanic with the 47th Service Co passed away in October of '92". I found out about it from his son Tom Meadows of Kingman AZ. when I called to inform DoDo as we all knew him that I was going to Tunisia for the 50th anniversary of the end of the war there.

Next Len De Bell of a Co 39th just underwent his second open heart surgery, the first one 13 years ago. This time they re-done the previous ones plus 3 more for a total of 5. He now resides in Marine City MI.

Florida Chapter

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS
RECEIVED

Hershel Wood said he is still working in the Orlando School System, he is active with the V.F.W. and in good health. Hershel wants to know whether a European tour is planned for 1994. If so, please contact him at 5841 Balboa Dr., Orlando, FL 32808 phone 407/295-1590.

Charles "Wes" Ziegler sent a news item stating he was awarded a plaque for his courage and community dedication. Wes, as a Beachside Neighborhood Watch (BNW) citizen observer with the Daytona Beach Patrol found himself in a situation requiring some assistance. Without hesitation and with little regard for his own safety, he acted quickly to help some beach rangers who were struggling with several hostile and violent intoxicated individuals. With his help, those rowdies were soon subdued. We are proud to have Wes as a Florida Chapter Member ... goes to show that the "OLD RELIABLE" spirit is still alive at 75.

Irving King wrote saying he was sorry to miss the 1993 Spring Meeting in Orlando due to illness. He is doing okay at the present.

John M. Schriffen had two heart attacks — one in November and one in December 1992. He was treated at Bay Pines V.A. Hospital and is now taking medication at home. Get well soon John ... we miss you too, especially your rendition of the song "When your old wedding ring was new."

Michael Deresh wrote a nice letter also sent in an article entitled "HOW TO KNOW YOU'RE GROWING OLD." Mike said he enjoyed the Newsletter, he plans to go to San Antonio this October and is coming along fine with his prostate problem. Also planning a November cruise with his wife.

Bob Hulslander was unable to attend the Orlando Meeting because of a colon cancer operation. Bob urges all members to get an annual medical exam because "they can do a lot with cancer if it is caught in time." Bob is doing fine and is planning a trip to Scotland in October.

Harry Chase received a doctor's report stating that he doesn't require a prostate operation as they are treating him with medication. Harry ordered two caps saying he expects to wear one of them at the next Chapter meeting in Jacksonville.

Max Mickelson sent in an order for a blue and white cap also a little donation to support the different Chapter projects. Max lives in North Miami Beach and would love to have a Chapter Meeting in his area.

John De Graff ordered two caps also sent in information to include in the new roster. John and Catherine make their home in Spring Hill, Florida.

Norris C. Gray is a "Orbiter Sub-Systems Manager with NASA." He sent in information explaining the Space Shuttle (STS-57/ENDEAVOUR) crew insignia that is reproduced in full color. Anyone wishing literature of this insignia, write to PA-VOI Public Affairs Office NASA, Cape Canaveral, FL.

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The Summer edition of the Florida Chapter Newsletter was mailed to all Chapter members on June 15, 1993. Because of the high costs involved in producing and mailing a special Chapter Newsletter, it was decided to continue future issues through the OCTOFOIL. We hope you will continue to support and enjoy this project.

The responses to the NEWSLETTER was very favorable. Irving King from Monticello, Florida wrote saying "you are doing a bang-up job." John Schriffen said "Thanks so much for the information... I like to know what's going on." Mike Deresh's first line of his letter was "I read your interesting Newsletter twice." Other comments were received from Charles Ziegler, Hershel Wood, John De Graf, Max Michelson, Harry Chase, Bob Hulslander which will be noted under EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS RECEIVED. The Editor wishes to thank all those who took the time to write expressing their appreciation for this experimental project.

FLORIDA CHAPTER
OFFICERS MEET

A meeting of the Florida Chapter Executive Committee was held at the home of Phil and Barbara Berman on June 5, 1993. The purpose of this meeting was to acquaint the newly elected officers with their responsibilities for the next two year term and also to resolve matters that needed prompt attention. In attendance were: John O'Grady, Pres., H. F. Stansell, V.P., Bill Fleming, Sec., Phil Berman, Treas., Art Schneider, Chaplain and Emil De Donato, Public Relations Officer.

The business portion of the meeting was preceded by a lavish luncheon prepared by Barbara Berman. Needless to say it was enjoyed by everyone.

Newly elected President John O'Grady called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. He spoke about the transition of duties from the previous officers to the newly elected ones... reported that a little problem concerning the Ramada Hotel in Orlando was being resolved also urged cooperation by all officers and members of the Chapter.

Emil De Donato discussed the production and costs involved to produce the summer edition of a Florida Chapter Newsletter. It was decided to go ahead with this experimental project.

Bill Fleming reported the headway he has made in holding the Spring 1994 Chapter Meeting in Jacksonville. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

NEW CHAPTER
MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The publication date of the new Florida Chapter Roster has been changed to sometime in January, 1994. We have a quantity of printed membership rosters with some of the changes noted. To receive a copy, send a self addressed stamped envelope #10 to E. De Donato, 3650 S. W. Mosswood St., Dunnellon, FL. 34431 or phone (904) 489-4070.



Deadline for next issue Oct. 20th

M COMPANY (47th) CHRONICLER

Dear Compadres:

The news is of our return to the casbahs, Joe Kscenitis' and mine, this past month. It was a fantastic adventure and a better-run tour couldn't be found, I'm sure. My hat's off to the Galaxy Tour people for putting it together. If you're thinking about going to Normandy with them next June, don't hesitate!

We moved out from Tunis the day after we arrived to Bizerte. There and along the way we were already astounded by the number of people (Tunisia's population has doubled in the past 50 years) and the developing of housing, industry and agriculture to support them. There was no trace of the destruction we knew in Bizerte. We went right to the old port. Then, after lunch in Mateur, we found Djebel Cheniti and could see the other hills where the 9th broke the backs of Bizerte's Axis defenders. On past Green and Bald Hills. The storks that winter in Sedjenane have long forgotten the disturbance we caused in '43. We stopped to shop for coral in Tabarka and bivouaced in a hunting lodge up in the hills behind that city.

The next day we made S'beitla via the Roman ruins at Dugga, Thala and Kasserine Pass where our three lads from F/39th got dew-eyed remembering some hard times there. At Thala, where 9th Divarty covered itself with glory earning the division's first Distinguished Unit Citation, the stone monument has lost its plaque. The Association might think about getting it replaced. A fiberglass or plastic job may be as tempting to the metal collectors.

At S'beitla we camped at a hotel only a few hundred yards from the Roman temple to Minerva where our platoon had a section of machine guns emplaced. The fields of fire are now obscured. Across the road where 3/47 was deployed on outpost duty, it is all built-out. There was no trace of the airfield we protected.

El Guettar was different. We were provided a 4-wheel drive vehicle and could get off the highway. Jim Leopold, then of G/47, and I could never agree that the huge wadi we found was the one taken to its doom by E Company. I felt it was the wadi where we held up the night before we jumped of and that used as an MSR by the 39th when it operated against 772. We found Hills 290 and 369 without trouble. El Hammra Ridge was littered with shrapnel and rusted C-ration cans. I'm sorry Rosie, I never found your mussette bag, but I looked. This place was the only one here everything seemed the same as we left it. A narrow-gage railroad track now parallels the Gafsa-

Gabes highway and there's a beacon and a radio relay antenna up on Djebel Berda but that's about the only change. It was ghostly. I kept waiting for the flutter of descending mortar rounds or the wail of Stukas diving. And I thought of Russell Cripe, Charley Goldhardt, Harold Havlick and Sam Milazzo who were M's contribution to the butcher bill here. We spent three nights in S'beitla daytripping to various places. Headed back to Tunis we stopped in Kaitouan, the fourth city of Islam and a great place to shop for rugs.

In Tunis we were feted for several days in conjunction with the US Embassy's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Allied victory in Africa. There was an excellent photographic display at a gallery in Carthage put together by the US Army's Military History Center. We were given a cocktail party by the Tunisian Ministry of Defense and, of course, the high point was a memorial service conducted at the US Military Cemetery. The 1st Armored Division in Germany sent a general officer, its chaplain and the band to do the honors, the US Ambassador spoke, and Jim Leopold and Bill Nelson of F/39 laid a wreath. The ceremony was well-attended by government officials and even a contingent of British vets who were in the country to have their own 50th anniversary celebration. Joe Popeil is the only one of M's Africa dead to remain interned at Carthage. The rest had been taken home at their families request.

Others on the tour from the 9th not previously mentioned were Ed Wisniewski of the 47th Service Company, and Burleigh Brewer and Ray Brugger of F/39. Marjorie Leopold accompanied Jim and Bill Nelson had along his daughter and grandson. Lee kept me straight. I believe that all concurred that Galaxy Tours did a great job putting this thing together and those contemplating their June 1944 return to Normandy can be assured that this is an outfit which knows what it's doing.

My sad news at this juncture is of Bill Morkill's passing on in April. In this connection I heard from Jack Rowe who remembered Bill's eternal dry wit. Jack and Leo Fatlan have made their reservations in San Antonio. I hope that we'll have a bunch of M-ers together for that one. We really bring a touch of class to these affairs, you know.

Adios amigos!

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New York Chapter Report

Memorial Day at the LI National Cemetery

The Greater NY Chapter hopes that the 9thmen everywhere had a pleasant summer. Here is a report on our past spring activities since the last Octofoil.

At 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 1993, the Greater NY Chapter convened at the LI National Cemetery for its annual Memorial Day Service to honor the 4,581 9thmen who gave their lives during WWII, and to remember our comrades who have since passed away. We thank Mr. David M. Cariota, Department of Veterans Affairs, Cemetery Director and his staff, who provided the lectern, AP systems, chairs, and boulevard of flags.

On a beautiful, crisp, sunny day, our stars and stripes and Octofoil standards fluttered against the azure blue sky as we marched from the parking lot to the main flag pole for our ceremony. After the pledge of allegiance, led by chapter president Tony Varone, our resident chaplain George Apar gave the convocation. Tony, Dan Quinn, George Nicklin and Marv Levy delivered short poignant addresses. Over 30 members, spouses and friends attended the ceremony. Concluding our service, Honor Guards Charlie LiBretto and Al Zenka fired a rifle salute. With the playing of recorded taps, and the haunting echo of the bugler fading, the ceremony came to an end.

Following the memorial service, members drove to nearby Bethpage State Park where we picnicked on hamburgers, frankfurters and sausages. Our thanks to Prez Tony Varone and Adolph Wadalavage who provided the victuals.

Past Presidents Night

The NY chapter met at the Masonic Hall at 71 W 23rd St. NYC on Friday, May 21, for the special occasion of honoring our chapter's past presidents. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. and was chaired by Prez Tony Varone. After the pledge of allegiance, financial report and reading of the previous minutes by Secretary Art Schmidt, correspondence was read from our absent members: Lou Almassy notified us that he had left NY and moved to Whiting, NJ. George Brown also informed us that he had moved from NY and was residing in Toano, Virginia. Charlie Caritola and Kurt Sander also sent notes. Sad news came from wives of John P. Ryan and Daniel Coffey that John and Daniel had passed away. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families of our departed 9thmen. Morris Matises wrote that Mrs. Matises was very ill. Mrs. Joe Rzesniowicki let us know that Joe had recently undergone a heart bypass operation and he was on the mend. The NY chapter sends concerned wishes to the ill and their families... including Charlie Warner with failing eyesight and Al Seely with Alzheimer's disease.

The meeting continued with a report on the past Memorial Day Service and Picnic, and the final plans for the Concord Resort Hotel Get-Together June 7-11 in the Catskill Mountains. The membership then proceeded to honor our Past Presidents who were in attendance: George Apar, Tony DeRobertis, Vincent Guglielmino, Emil Langer, Marv Levy, Dan Quinn, Art Schmidt, Herminio Suarez, Tony Varone and Adolph Wadalavage.

Concord Resort Get-Together

Our Concord Get-Together for the NY Chapter, June 7-11, 1993, by all accounts was a smashing success. It was the first mini-gathering of the chapter. Although only 43 members, spouses and friends attended, we had a great time. The immense Concord Resort Hotel accommodated our group plus other senior citizen groups, an air Force veteran reunion, and a large Canadian benevolent organization at the same time. Still, our group was together at all seatings in the dining room and nite club. With free golf, swimming, tennis, 3 sumptuous meals a day, gorgeous weather, entertainment every night - and at such low rates - who could ask for anything more!

There wasn't any chapter business conducted except for a short meeting to appoint NY Chapter delegates to the San Antonio Reunion. Our representatives to the Board of Governors appointed are: Nominating Committee - Charlie LiBretto & Al Zenka; Finance - Walter O'Keffe & Vincent Guglielmino; National Board of Governors - Adolph Wadalavage; Newspaper - Art Schmidt; Bylaws - Marty Gross; Miscellaneous - Art Schmidt & Al Lipton.

Those attending the Concord Get-Together were: George Apar, Bill & Iris Canales, Joe & Rosalie DeFino, Tony & Rose DeRobertis w/4 friends Anton & Charlotte Dietrich, Fred & Selma Golub, Marty Gross, Frank Hodek, Emil Langer, Marv & Barbara Levy w/4 friends, Charlie & Esta LiBretto, Al Lipton, Gene Magidson w/9th Div. friend Claude Sarfati, Dan & Marie Quinn, Art Schmidt, Herminio & Elsie Suarez, Joe & Marie Vanni, Tony & Viola Varone, Adolph & Peggy Wadalavage and Al & Genevieve Zenka.

Everyone agreed that the chapter should consider having another get-together in the future. The membership appreciates the efforts of the Concord committee headed by Marty Gross with Tony Varone and Marv Levy for the pre-summer fun week before the NY Chapter hiatus until the fall. The next official meeting will be Friday, September 10, 1993 at the Masonic Hall, 71 W 23rd St, NYC at 7:30 p.m. The NY Chapter looks forward to seeing our comrades in September, and at the San Antonio Reunion in October and at the Worcester Memorial, October 16-17. Secretary Art Schmidt reminder: get your dues in if you have not done so. Dues are \$10 per year, \$25 for 3 years and \$75 for Lifetime Membership. Make checks payable to the Greater NY Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Ass'n. Send to Art at the address below.

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New Jersey Chapter

It was good to see you at the New Jersey Chapter Luncheon last month at the Rutgers Alumni-Faculty Club in New Brunswick. In addition to you the following troops turned out for our luncheon: Slatnick, Finnigan, Haines, Fiorentino, Pictroski, Schwartz, Foti, Louderback, Hoepfner, Gonzol, Cancellate, Zucker, and Giarraputo. The following men were accompanied by their ladies, and a bevy of beauties they were: Slatnick, Haines, Pictroski, Finnigan, Foti, Louderback, Hoepfner, Gonzol, and Cancellate. In addition to bringing his Lyl, Frank Gonzol was accompanied by his good fishing buddy and chauffeur and honorary member Richie. Our featured speaker was Harry Schwartz's partner, a senior vice president of Paine Webber, Pat Delaney. Pat gave a short talk on investments, particularly investments suitable for people in our situation. At a time of low interest rates, especially in the realm of CD's, an erstwhile investment for us of the geriatric generation, his little presentation was timely and valuable. We are indebted to Harry for bringing Pat.

We beat the drums for the guys to make the trek to Texas. Some expressed concern about the expenses. It appears that minimum cost for a couple to attend the San Antonio bash will be \$2000.00, a not insignificant amount for some of our people on a limited, fixed income at this late stage in their lives. Those who have already reserved rooms are eagerly looking forward to their stay in the Lone Star State. We hope to have a large contingent from the Garden State making the journey. I'm sure the Texas crowd will make it well worth our while.

Regards,

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Enclosed find a check for the Association in appreciation for sending me the Octofoil. I do enjoy and appreciate it very much.

As I went through the papers of the last three or four years, I found the publication as far back as 1956. I knew he kept some, but had no idea of finding all these up thru Jan.-Feb. 1989. This is when he became so ill and I was not careful in filing them. I went through them clipping pertinent items I want to send our daughter and grandson. If you have any request for any of these, I'll be glad to see that you get them, otherwise I'll destroy them as I have to delete my inventory.

I plan to move to an apartment in 'Waldorf, Maryland where our daughter lives.

I will notify you when I make changes. It may not be before Christmas as I've been in no hurry making a decision about my future since Roy left March 3, 1992. This year and a half have been the longest I've ever experienced after forty-three years with him.

When was the last time you wrote a letter to our Mail Call Column? Just a postal card would denote your interest and let some buddy know where you are. You like to read what other members send in ... why not do your own part and write a few lines now and then for their enjoyment.



Bill Canales supplied us with this picture of himself and John Mrgula, Co. K 47th taken at the 1982 Reunion at Ft. Bragg. John passed away this past spring. He had planned on being in San Antonio for the reunion this October. A good member of the association - he shall be missed.

MAIL CALL

"F" Company 47th Infantry

Since my last letter the Octofoil we have lost another loyal son of "F" Company. I was saddened to receive a letter from Jule Hoffer notifying me of the demise of her beloved Tex on May 30. Tex's obituary mentions that he had served with "F" Company-47th Infantry of the Ninth Infantry Division. Nobody was prouder of having served with "F" Company than was Tex Hoffer. Jule tells me that death was kind to take this old soldier, as life was not kind to him these past few years. Though incapacitated, Tex made as many of the reunions as possible since making it to his first one at Lake Placid. Though he wasn't able to be with us at every reunion, his check every year was always one of the most generous. It was very important to him that we continue uninterruptedly with our CP. Not only have we lost another member, but I have lost a damn good accountant and a wonderful friend. Once again I offer our condolences to Jule in her loss.

I had a pleasant conversation with both Ken and Olive Yennie last night. Ken seems to have completely mended from his recent surgery and he sounded quite cheerful.

Just today I received a letter from George King with his new address. He sold his house in Phelps and moved close to Albany to be near his youngest daughter.

Talk about moving, not only did George Brown move, but he committed matrimony and moved to Virginia where his bride lives and works. If any of you guys are interested in buying a gentleman's farm of 32 acres in upstate New York call George. I'm sure we'll see George and Janet in San Antonio.

Speaking about San Antonio, Earl Wilkey will be there with his son Wayne. Though Miriam is having some serious medical problems, she insists that Earl go to Texas to send this time with his buddies. Wayne will see that Earl go to Texas to spend this time with his buddies.

Jack Finnigan continues burning up the Saddle Brook golf course, threatening to break all the banks in Atlantic City, and handicapping the bangtails at the Monmouth and Freehold tracks. He is a man on a mission... a true crusader!

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Enclosed find donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Camille Pelland, Hq's 15th Engs who passed away in May. Cam was a true Gentleman and friend and will be greatly missed at the Worcester Memorial and our reunions. Fortunately I stopped in to see him twice last summer for an enjoyable visit.

Sorry I won't make the San Antonio reunion due to a knee operation in September of last year. But next year it will be just across the lake, I'll be there.

My very best wishes and health to all my 15th Engs. friends.

A Comrade Always

Milton Zucker has had his reservations for San Antonio for months now. Once again he has volunteered his services in the CP. It was good to see Paul Giarraputo again and looking so hearty. He has doubts about making the trip to Texas because of his lovely Anne's disabilities which have recently confined her to a nursing home. Paul visits her faithfully on a daily basis. We would expect no less of this man.

I had a couple of phone calls from Ed Johnstone, "F" Company's favorite Federal judge who dispenses justice in such places as Paducah and Louisville, Kentucky. When he heard that Mark was enrolling in law school, he invited both of us to be his guests in Kentucky so Mark could get an insider's view of the workings of our legal system. Because of Mark's commitment to the theater group he is currently working with, we were unable to take advantage of this generous offer. The good judge assured me that the invitation was a standing one, and we could avail ourselves of it whenever Mark had a break from his studies. Hopefully we'll be able to make the trip during the semester break.

Earlier in the year I heard from Bill and Fern MacDonald from Seminole, Florida. They both have been ailing lately so they have been unable to attend any of our most recent reunions. They were always so happy and willing to assist me in running the CP. I hope their infirmities will soon ease enough to permit them to make their way to one of our reunions in the near future.

Lucy and I have been busy lately: Lucy going to the mines each day, and I spinning my wheels around the house and taking care of the household finances.

I urge you all to stay healthy so you'll all be around for many more reunions!

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I'm a little late in mailing you my yearly dues. Due to some of my health problems, I'm a little behind in doing things. I was hoping to make the San Antonio reunion, but at this time I will be unable to attend. I'm sorry I missed our company reunion held at Pidgeon Forge, Tenn. I would have liked to see all our comrades. Alex Balough, my Pittsburgh buddy, brought me up to date on the Pidgeon Forge Reunion. We have lost a wonderful comrade in John Robinson.

I'm sure Herb Stern will prepare a wonderful agenda for the San Antonio reunion. Sorry Herb I won't be able to be there.

I would like to wish you all a very successful reunion and want to say hello to all my comrades from the 9th Medical Bn and all my other buddies that I have met at the reunions.

I hope my health improves and that I will be able to make the next reunion.

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On April 24th, five army buddies and their spouses got together at Karl Ingebretsen's for a mini-reunion. My wife, Marian, and I left Wisconsin on April 20th, in a terrible snowstorm, and drove to Archie (Louise) Houston's in Palmyra, Missouri. Earl Oswald, Port Ritchey, Florida, met us there on the 21st and we drove the northern route I 80 to Sacramento, California. We stopped first in Abilene, KS to visit Carl Hill, another army buddy, and then headed west.

Ted (Dolores) Tufford drove down from Vancouver, Wash. and met us at Karl's. You can just imagine the bussing that went on and on. We fought W.W. II over again and again.

The Ingebretsens live at El Macera, and their home became our headquarters. We stayed in Motel 6 at Davis, CA but went back to headquarters to plan each day. We rented a 12 passenger van and April 26th we drove to Yosemite where on Tuesday we took the ride on the wagon to view the sights. Tuesday night we were back at headquarters planning for our next day's trip to San Francisco.

We drove through Napa Valley and visited a winery, and then on to take in as many sights in San Francisco as we could. A must was lunch at Fisherman's Wharf, Ft. Point, and Alcatraz, just to name a few. We spent the night there — drove around the next day.

We toured Sacramento one day, and also Davis. We saw the University of California campus here. Karl tells us it is also the best Agricultural School in the world, and from what I saw, I believe him.

The climax of our stay was our brunch on Friday, April 30th at the El Macero Country Club as guests of Lucille and Karl. I'm enclosing a menu which Karl had made up for us. We all thought it was rather unique, and fitting. After lunch we proceeded back to Missouri, this time taking the southern route.

Marian and I arrived back in Wisconsin on May 4th. All in all we had a wonderful time and we wish to thank Karl and Lucille for being wonderful hosts.

The Houstons, Tuffords, Cooks, and Oswald

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It was a real joy to be able to go to the annual May 15 memorial at Pine Lawn Cemetery. The subsequent picnic was most enjoyable, as was seeing the approximately 30 Ninth Infantry Division members and their wives at this annual gathering at Bethpage State Park. I enjoyed seeing Daniel Quinn, Marvin Levy, Vinnie Guglielmino, George Apar, Tony Vallone, and other members of our Division.

I have some hopes of making it to San Antonio on October 7-10, but it may be difficult. I have not retired, as I find it awkward to give up a part of living which I have been enjoying. Also, my head still seems to be working well enough for me to be able to perform at my occupation. I hope that this last sentence applies to most of our surviving members.

1993 Reunion
San Antonio, Texas
October 7-10, 1993

47th Inf. K Co
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Hope you and Marie are feeling well. I did not have a form 2579 so thought just paper would do. I got letters from some of my K Co. Buddies who made reservations for San Antonio in Oct. Ethel and I are looking forward to going, GOD willing. Looking for special rates on North West and Delta which fly direct to San Antonio from South Bend, IN.

1992 was a bad year for me. I had back surgery in Feb. Could not walk, get in or out of bed or chairs. Operation was great and was done by a good doctor. Then in Oct. I had colon surgery which was rough, I still have problems but thank God it was not cancer. Two major operations in eight months is too much. In March Ethel and I went to Indianapolis to the Banquet held for past players after 25 years after he played his last high school game. Coaches 10 years after retirement from high school. Inductees are elected only in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in, and/or service to basketball as either player or coach. The Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. I was inducted in 1987 so that was only six years ago. Hold on now. I played in 1929-30-31, we won the state finals in 1929. That is 64 years ago. That is enough of that.

Thanking you very much and you and Marie keep up your good work. See you in San Antonio in Oct. God willing.

The best to you and the 9th Infantry Association.

Looking forward to seeing 47th, K Co and all.

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Inclosing dues for three year membership.

Had hoped to see you all in Texas in Oct. However my old heart is not good. I have been in the hospital 3 times in last year. Had two operations for carotid arteries, July 4th and Labor Day weekend 1992. July 4th weekend 93 for heart problems.

I hope you all are able to be there. I will miss you. Had a great time last year.

Best of luck to you all.

Reflection

Yesterday, yesterday, where have you gone? Is It the Master who has waved his baton, leading the chorus of G.I.'s who have passed on. To their reward so deservedly earned, and for whom others still constantly yearn? Certainly memories of them are often on recall, Whether 'tis Spring, Summer, or Fall. For each was a special "poilu" in deed, who fulfilled his role in time of great need. They have gathered together, one and all, and now they are joined in God's Kingdom Hall. Though this be a lament with a tear in each eye, but raise your head, gaze at the azure blue sky! What is it you see as you militarily stand? It can be but one unit-the Ninth Infantry grand!

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Service Co 60th Inf members held a mini reunion in Wisconsin on April 20th. Shown left to right: Archie Houston, Ted Tufford, Earl Oswald, Karl Ingebretsen, Lester Cook. Story appears in other section of Octofoil.

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